## rizes Given This Week For Ingenious Puzzles

Your response to my request conrning the puzzle department has en prompt and gratifying. You will tice that two of to-day's prizes are ven for elever puzzles and that there everal others worthy of honorable ntion, especially those of Harold bson, Ida K. Reid, Willy E. Chadck and Harry Chadwick.

ick and Harry Chadwick.

One member asks how to join the osteard Exchange, It is a very sime matter. Just send pretty cards to lose members whose work interests on especially, and ask that they reply kind. In this way correspondence established and friendships that may over very delightful are begun.

We are pleased to welcome an espeally long list of new members this eek, and so I am going to stop and them speak for themselves. With st wishes.

YOUR EDITOR.

THE WEEK'S PRIZE WINNERS.

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Rachel Pyle, 208 East Marshall treet, Hichmond, Va., for elever Musical Puzzle.

's, Florence Gebhardt, Michaux, Va., for interesting letter, ster Harry A. Boyd, 2413 Warwick Ivenue, Newport News, Va., for a level of good nuzzles. cries of good puzzies.

O'Neal Reba L.

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WEEK'S CONTRIBUTORS. Jenkins, Myrtle Johnson, Sarah Johnson, B. M. S. Justice, Mabel Lewis, Gay B. Leake, Doris Louis, F. D. derson, G. B. drews, W. R. row, Bennett own, M. F. gwell, W., Jr. own, M. F.
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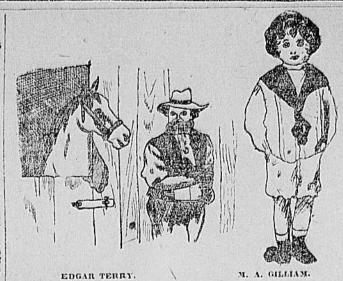
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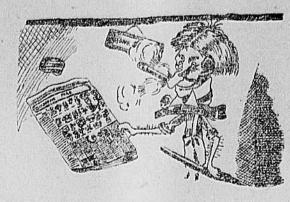
THE MERMAID.

Once upon a time there used to be cople who were half a person and Falf a fish, and they lived in the vater. In the time I am now speaking of there was a king and queen and a grincess. Now, this princess was very gily, and the king and queen were bery much worried. So they made an after of the princess' hand in marriage by whoever could cure her. Now, in nother part of the ocean there was very beautiful prince. He was traviling, and came to this kingdom just the time that every learned doctor and tried to cure her, but without uccess. Now, the prince thought that naybe she was under inchantment. So e went to the king and told him

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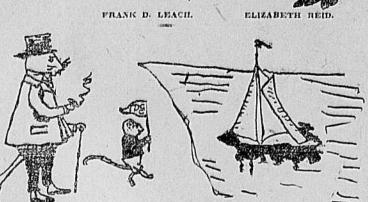
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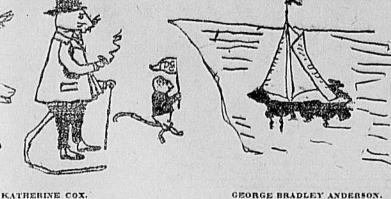




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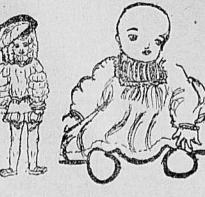














WILLIE ANDREWS.

e she was under inchantment. So ent to the king and told him he would try to cure her, but he be in her room alone with her So he was taken to her room, he asked her if she were under intment, and she said, "Alas! fair e, you cannot rescue me," and she d.

most useful?

While they were quarreling an old woman came by and picked them. She put them in her market basket and sold them to a woman for 5 cents. The woman's little girl picked the sunflower to pieces first and then the daisies, saying: "One I love, two I love," and that was the end of the daisies and the sunflower.

DON'TERFIE DO O'NEAL The prince said, "Tell me anyhow, and I will set what, I can do." So she aid: "At might I am the most beaufful woman alive, but in the day the nost ugliest. A which, who, to take evenge on my mother and father, and me so until some one takes the gly skin and burns it while I am leep. So that night the prince crept nto the room and took the skin and urned it. Instantly the house was hook with thunder, and in the room ppeared a frightful looking old witch, nd she said to the prince. "You have escued her now, take her and go." With that she disappeared. So they ere married and lived happily forver after.

# ver after. NELLIE PARKER HENSON.

R. E. LEE.

Robert E. Lee was born in Stratford, Vestmoreland county, Va., on the 19th f January, 1807. His father's name ras General Heirry ("Light Horse larry") Lee, of Revolution fame. He died when Robert was a boy, and herefore his training was left to his nother. She was a good woman, and attended her son to be a devout Christan man, At eighteen he received an ppointment as a cadet to the United tates Military Academy at West oint, and after four years he gradated second in a class of forty-six, and became a second lieutenant in the orps of engineers.

In 1821 he married Mary Custis, the aughter of George Washington Park 1981s, of Arlington.

During the Mexican War Lee did exellent service as an engineer, for which he received high praise and romotion.

Shortly after the Southern States and second Lee was opposed to secesion, and therefore it was a great blow o him when his native State decided o leave the Union.

He was very brave in the great war setween the North and South, and died Detober 12, 1870, and he was burted in he chapel of Washington and Lee Jniversity.

DORIS LEAKE.

Glen Allen, VA. Age 11.

CHRISTMAS DAY OF 1909.

Christmas morning when I awoke there was an inch of snow on the ground, and it was coming down rapidly at that time. As soon as a fire could be started I hopped out of my bed and ran to my mother's room to find my stocking loaded with presents. Most of these were eatables, such as candy, nuts, dates, an orange, etc. There were also fireworks. After looking at these I dressed and helped to carry the presents into the dinling room, where they were to be distributed.

When we assembled at the break-

ROY SENA.

LILLIE MANTLO.

and found a pretty little Christmas tree with candles all over it. That morning they stayed in the house and played with their dollies, and then, after dinner, their brother took them sleigh-riding and went visiting. They enjoyed it very much.

So that is how Mabel and Madge spent Christmas Day.

By LYRA V. RANSON.

Masonic Home, Va.

ANNIE MAY OWENS.

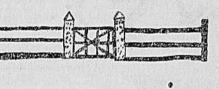
M. A. GILLIAM.

KATHERINE M. HARNEY.

GAY B. LEWIS.











Congratulates Miss Chadwick.

Dear Editor,—inclosed you will find a characte, which I hope will escape "Mr. Waste Dasket." I have every won a prize, but will keep trying until I do. I will some in something now every week. We must all congratulate Miss Emma Chadwick for house and then laid down on the side of the road to rest. Ho had not been there long before he saw a man coming down the road with his head under list arm. This man stopped when he get to the old darky and exclaimed, "You sure can run fast." The old darky jumped up and grabbed his hat, and replied: "You aint seen me run yet; new look." With that he was going down the road as fast as his old legs could carry him.

NELLIE J. ROGERS.

\*\*Wempis, Va.\*\*

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Puzzle Department.

IDA K. REID.



My 12, 2, 10 is what most men wear. My 1, 14 is a verb. My 6, 3, 17, 7 is what every one must

FANNY T. MARBURG.

My whole is a kaying of a great man.

HARRY CHADWICK.

Care William Chadwick, National Soldiers' Hotne, Hampton, Va.

## PUZZLES.

Take one letter from each of the following words in succession, and spell the name of a well-known general:

Jar, has, mack, crack, handsome, Here are the names of four eminent contemporary scientists. Can you guess

1. Jar, has, mack, crack, handsome, home, work.

2. White, mackind, present, child, wing, hen, ving, cattle, load, night, in Postage, car, black, can, past, in Postage, car, black, can, past, in Postage, car, black, can, past, in Postage, car, black, can, post, in Postage, car, black, can, past, in Postage, car, black, can,

## A GHOST STORY.

THE STUDY-PERIOD.

"Oh, goody, here comes a study-period! I've got five lessons this svening and don't know any! Come on, Rose, let's study English. 'Parse the following sentences: Slowly arising, the boy walked away.' Slowly is an adverb; no, a preposition—oh, goodness, what is it? Shucks, we'll not let another year ago by and godness, what is it? Shucks, we'll never learn this! 'Arising is a verb, that's certain. Did I tell you that Mabel was coming Friday? I'm wild about her! Here, let's go to algebra! ('A2 plub b) times b2' b2 times ago equals ab4. Do look at Jennie's dress! Isn't it pretty? Mary and I went to see her Monday—had a lovely time. B2 x b equals to—what? I'm sure I don't know! I'll never understand this stuff! Let's leave it and see it we can craim any history into our heads! Here 'Its, page nincty-one, 'George Washington was born in seventeen thirty-two.' Another date to learn! Listen, what's the answer to this? The a riddle; What fruit do schoolgris hate most? Yes, dates, of course! . . What did you say, Miss Moore? Time for English? Oh, horrors! And this is my left study-period! Come on, Rose! Oh dear!"

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"The Strupy pour memory i won't service in twill be anything grand. Your since ye member. MARY R. CATLETT. Bridges. Glouceater county, Va.

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A club member is maved to tell a favorite dialect story which forms a real to Folk Miller's repertedre. The club members, some of whom have not been so fortunate, will read Miss Nellie Rogers's version with pleasure. This is the story:

There was once a house in a neighborhoog that was spall to be haunted, and hobody would stay all night in it. One day a lot of young men met an old darity and salid:

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### Correspondence Column

and to the members of the Children's Page. I have not sent a drawing for several weeks, but an sending you a good one the time. You have published a good many for me, for which I am very graterol. You may know from my name that I am a little blusseyed, goden haired Garman girl. My father started from Germany when he was only six weeks old, and has been on the go ever since. My mother is a Virginian, so you see I have more than one thing to boat of I am going to school every day and hope to me graduate at an early age. My sister, Hattle, who also draws for your paper, takes muste lessons and plays quite well, but I play by ear, as you well know that music is a gif of the Germans. Trusting that you spent a merry Christinus and wishing you a happy, New Year, I remain, your little member.

Michaux, Vs. FLORENCE GEBHARDY.

Likes to Bead. and to the members of the Children's Pag-

Likes to Read.

Dear Editor, "You can't tell how pleased I was to see that my sieter Emma had won a first prize. I am sending a picture and a picture puzzle this time, which I hope to see on the page. I read in your letter a couple of weeks ago that some of the members were neglecting the puzzle department, and I made up my mind that I would not neglect it any longer. I was much interested in the puzzle that was to be completed by the puzzle that was to be completed, but as paps took the paper sway to show to some friends and has not brought it back yet. I cannot answer that this week. How many of our readers like to read cowboy stories? I like to immensely. I am especially interested in stories selected from "Chip of the Flying A." I have never read the entire book. I think "Round the World" is a fine book. I listory is as good a book as any of them, though Harry and I are studying ours bretty hard now, but I don't mind, as history is my favorite study. Instore lectors I must tell you and the memoers about my pet cat He is between a gray and a Malesse, and is very large. He will set up like a statue, as Harry says, and eat sit the figs and prunes you give him. His name is doverror, and he is a smart and handsome cat. Well, I will close, noping to see my letter in print. From an ever-interested meinber.

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WILLY E. CHADWICK.

Caro William Chawlick, National Soldiers
Home, Hampion, Va.

Home, Hampton, Va.

To Declaim at School.

Dear Editor, —I send you a drawing, which I hope will be good to print. Our literary sectey at school will give a public meeting to-marrow, being Lee's hirthday. The subject for debate is: "Resolved, That General Stonewall Jackson Had Better Military Genius Than Lee." I am on the program for a declamation, and my subject is "Jackson." I think ida and Elizabeth Reid draw remarkably well. In fact, nearly all the members draw very well. With best wishes to you and all the members, I remain, your rattirul member. ANDREW GUNTER BRYANT. High Street, Franklin, Va.

A New Member Writes Well.

cacher. I am fond of reading and drawing, lowing to receive a badge and with many lood, wishes, your little friand, MAMIS ELIZABETH BARNETT. Clarksville, Meckienburg county, Va.

Would Like to Learn.

Dear Editor, I am a little boy six years
old and Jon't know much about drawing,
but I want to learn, and I watch for your
paper every week. I would be glad if you
could put in anything I send to-day. Your
little friend,

WILLIAM BAGWELL, Jit.

WILLIAM BAGWELL, JR. Hamlet, N. C.

An Old Member Returns.

Dear Editor, -I know that I dropped your T. D. C. Club long age, but I would like to join sagn. I dropped on account of my mother didn't want me to do my losson and that both. Our vacation is now at hand now and I am going to join and keep it up, that lay it you would like to have me to have a successful in their work. Yours truly, 61s West High Street, Petersburg, Va.

Congratulates Miss Chadwick.